



Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission
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MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 16, 2017
TIME: 3:30pm
LOCATION: CCC – Main Campus Room 139

Members Present: Becky Eskildsen, Rick Lincoln, Dan Srp, Craig Eberhart, Kim Hess, Jack Wolfe, Carole Dunkin, Dave Porter, Gabe Gluba, Steve Kopp, Ken Howard, Mike Judge, Craig Eberhart, and Phil Tabor.

Members Not Present: District Ct, County Attorney and Citizen Representative

Staff Present: Margaret Kuhl and Tara Sbertoli

Guests: Paul Phare, Brian McKenrick, Gary McKenrick, Cathy Gaylord and Clinton Herald

Quorum: Present (11)

I. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Chair Dan Srp. A quorum was present. A motion was made by Dan Srp to accept the January 19, 2017 minutes. Craig Eberhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Financial Report & Coordinator Update

Balance as of today is \$32,757.02

III. Law Center Planning & Design

New images were recently received from Shive Hattery. Ground work is underway with the weather improving. Another bid package is available to locals for general building available to locals, due March 23th 2pm. Currently reviewing second security bids. Inmate Population Status: Continuing to ship out inmates weekly due to over-crowding. March 27th parking will switch to the north parking lot of ballpark due to season. Notices have gone out to the public and all employees. The jail staff is preparing for a visit from the state jail inspector, he will be here Friday, March 24th.

IV. Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)

SIM Training Report –Paul Phares from the Robert Young Center attended our meeting. Many of our jails not only here in Clinton County are full of many individuals with behavioral health issues. He described program, it has initiatives on the crisis level to planned programs including re-entry transitional services, drug court. A plan for every situation so that a person doesn't end up in jail.

V. FY17 & FY18 7th Judicial Branch Budget

Cathy Gaylord and Brian McKenrick discussed budget cuts from the state level. Judge Greve is on sick leave today. Under funded 5.2 million. 95% of budget is personnel. Hard freeze on 70 vacant seats with very few exceptions. Currently up to 111 vacancy. 12 judge vacancies state wide. Postage cut 20% travel by 10% which is factory impacting us most. Clinton County 1 judge per day – down from 3. Febraury cut again to 8.4 million. Furlough day without pay May 26 – except judges. In 2018 if funding is



not found specialty courts will be eliminated. Juvenile court officers will not be available. There will be more furloughs and layoffs. Reach out to legislators in your district with your concerns.

Informal Family Law Pilot Project – Gary McKenrick – The task force has recommended for managing court systems and are always looking to be more efficient in the court system. Informal divorce trials are for self-represented or represented to get into court quicker and free up more time to allow for cases that need trial and to also lessen time in court to 1-2 hours versus half day trials. Self-represented parties are increasing. Bundle fee – limited scope representation to help lower income persons. Brochures will go out with initial paperwork. Both parties must agree to participate.

Average length of stay for inmates has increased. Costs to house out of county increased with the judicial cuts (part of the problem) court canceled so it cost county money due to transporting inmates to Clinton from out of county only to have court canceled. Length of stay has to be up for another reason as well. Court, prosecution, defense counsel. There is no reason to have someone sit in jail if they are guilty. Is there some way we can take steps to get that corrected. It impacts those who live and practice here.

VI. How to Open a New Institution

(HONI) NIC Team training April 3 -6 2017

Provided by National Institute of Corrections. Help us transition from old jail to new jail. Training for our team will begin April 3 for four days. They will be able to answer many questions that we all have and will be prepared for what is to come.

VII. Committee Reports

Court Issues – Feb 28 meeting – moved our meeting and ended up in the vault during tornado and storm. Discussion included Commitments, overcrowding, communications to make court hearings run more smoothly.

MHSA – Meeting Tuesday, March 21 and will cover new court order for dual commitments allowing exchange of information, Post release medication program at the jail, and Phase II of the EIMH Region crisis intervention services.

VIII. Stepping Up –

Updates – Dates coming soon!

Proposed S.U. Iowa Summit – Summer 2017



IX. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training

March 20-24, 2017 – Johnson County, Iowa

Invited Margaret and elected officials.

Sattler and Hammond are attending. Dewitt PD attending the Mobile Team training.

X. Open Forum

Open Discussion - Courthouse and guns please add to BOS agenda.

XI. Adjournment Rick Lincoln made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave Porter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 16:55 hours.

Next meeting: May 18, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Tara Sbertoli

CCJCC Recorder